(a) whether his Ministry has asked the Government of NCT of Delhi to hand over Old Secretariat to Government;

(b) if so, the grounds and justification therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government of Delhi thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of shifting of offices of Govt. of NCT of Delhi, to its new premises in ITO area, the Govt. of NCT, Delhi has been asked to vacate and hand over the office space earlier held by these offices in Old Sectt. building excluding the space under occupation of Assembly and offices of Speaker and Dy. Speaker. Old Secretariat Building is a Central Government property and was allotted as General Pool Office accommodation to the then Union Territory of Delhi on adhoc basis.

(c) No reply has been received from the State Govt. till date.

Notification of amended building bye-laws

3032. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has notified the amended building bye-laws to be observed for safety norms;

(b) if so, whether this rule will only be applicable to Delhi Government or throughout the country;

(c) whether his Ministry has also set up a high level Committee to frame a comprehensive legislation for controlling activities of builders by regulating and licensing them; and

(d) if so, by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation had amended the building bye-laws for Delhi to introduce the safety norms in building construction.

(b) The Building Bye-laws being the State subject, the notification issued by this Ministry will be applicable to Delhi and not throughout the country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Urban Development) has been set up to frame a comprehensive legislation for regulating the activities of the builders and developers. The Committee has just finalised its report.

Removal of Jhuggis

3033. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of jhuggis around Shiv Shakti Mandir, Laxmi Narain Mandir to Mini Stadium, Laxmibai Nagar, New Delhi is increasing continuously as a consequence of which environment of these colonies has got worsened;

(b) if so, the action taken against concerned officials for allowing jhuggi colony on Government land;

(c) whether Government propose to remove these jhuggis within a fixed time so that trees can be planted in this area; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Both DDA and NDMC have reported that the jhuggis are not increasing at these places.

(c) and (d) Relocation of jhuggis is done as per the policy of the Government. It is also linked with availability of land for relocation.

Upgraded scales for Specific Posts in DOP

3034. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted upgraded scales for three specific